

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21 Canceled

22. (New) A method of controlling the display on a client terminal (30) of the status of a data processing apparatus (10) connected to the client terminal (30) via a network (20)j comprising:

providing a status request to the data processing apparatus (10);

transmitting display control information to the client terminal (30) for controlling the display of statuses of the data processing apparatus (10) by the client terminal (30);

transmitting status update information to the client terminal (30); and

displaying the updated status in accordance with the display control information;

the method further comprising storing the display control information at the client terminal (30), and, in response to a subsequent status request, transmitting status update information and displaying the updated status in accordance with the stored display control information.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22 wherein the display control information for controlling the display of a status of the data processing apparatus (10) is assigned identification data corresponding to that status.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23 in which a status is displayed by selecting display control information associated with the identification data relating to that status, and controlling the display of the- status using the selected display control information.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24 in which a status is displayed with its identification data.

26. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the display control information comprises image information corresponding to the statuses.

27. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus (10) stores information relating to its status.

28. (New) A method according to claim 27 in which status update information is determined when the status of the data processing apparatus (10) changes.

29. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the client terminal (30) stores information relating to the status of the data processing apparatus (10).

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, in which the client terminal (30) compares stored status information with status update information received from the data processing apparatus (10) in response to the subsequent data request in order to determine the updated status.

31. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus (10) stores update interval information for controlling an interval for the transmission of status update information.

32. (New) A method according to claim 31, in which status requests are provided to the data processing apparatus (10) at an interval based on the update interval information-

33. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus (10) is an image forming apparatus.

34. (New) A method according to claim 33, in which the status of the data processing apparatus (10) indicates that it is able to perform a print function, or that there is an error.

35. (New) A method according to claim 34 in which the error status information indicates an error type.

36. (New) A system comprising a data processing apparatus (10) and a client terminal arranged (30) to communicate with the data processing apparatus (10) over a network (20), wherein:

the data processing apparatus (10) is arranged to transmit status update information to the client terminal (30) in response to receiving a first status request, and to provide display control information to the client terminal (30) for controlling the display of statuses of the data processing apparatus (10) by the client terminal (30);

the client terminal (30) is arranged to display the updated status in accordance with the received display control information, and to store the display control information;

the data processing apparatus (10) is arranged to transmit status update information to the client terminal (30) in response to receiving a second status request; and the client terminal (30) is arranged to display the updated status in accordance with the stored display control information.

37. (New) A data processing apparatus (10) having means (14) for communicating with a client terminal (30), comprising:

means (11) for storing status information; and

means (13) for storing display control information for controlling the client terminal (30) to display the status of the data processing apparatus (10);

wherein the communication means (14) is arranged to transmit first status update information and display control information to the client terminal (30) in response to a first status request, and to transmit second status update information to the client terminal (30) in response to a second status request, the second status update information being for display by the client terminal (30) in accordance with the display control information transmitted in response to the first request.

38. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising means for generating status update information (12) when the status of the apparatus changes.

39. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the display control information is assigned identification data corresponding to that status.

40. (New) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the status update information comprises information for enabling the client terminal (30) to select identification data assigned to the display control information.

41. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the display control information comprises image information corresponding to the statuses.

42. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the apparatus is an image forming apparatus.

43. (New) An apparatus according to claim 42, in which the status information indicates that the apparatus is able to perform a print function, or that there is an error.

44. (New) An apparatus according to claim 43 in which the error status information indicates an error type.